

IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY[265]

Adopted and Filed Emergency

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 17A.3(1)“b” and 16.5(1)“r” and 2009 Iowa Acts, Senate File 376, sections 5 to 12, the Iowa Finance Authority hereby amends Chapter 32, “Iowa Jobs Program,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The purpose of this amendment is to implement 2009 Iowa Acts, Senate File 376, sections 5 to 12, by amending rule 265—32.4(16,83GA,SF376), relating to the Iowa Jobs Program application procedures.

The Authority does not intend to grant waivers under the provisions of this rule, other than as may be allowed under the Authority’s general rules concerning waivers.

Pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.4(3), the Authority finds that notice and public participation are impracticable and contrary to the public interest in that the normal notice and public participation process would result in unnecessary expense and delays in the program, which is designed to provide disaster relief and economic stimulus. The Authority is also simultaneously publishing a Notice of Intended Action as **ARC 8328B** herein to allow for public comment.

The Authority finds that adoption of this amendment confers a benefit on the public in that this amendment promotes disaster recovery and economic stimulus and eases and speeds the administration of the program. The Authority finds that this amendment should be implemented as soon as feasible in order to facilitate the awarding of grants under the program and to avoid unnecessary expense and delays. Furthermore, 2009 Iowa Acts, Senate File 376, section 12, specifically provides for emergency rule making. Therefore, this amendment is filed pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.5(2)“b”(1) and (2), and the normal effective date of this amendment is waived.

The Authority adopted this amendment on November 4, 2009.

This amendment became effective on November 4, 2009.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 16.5(1)“r” and 2009 Iowa Acts, Senate File 376, sections 5 to 12.

The following amendment is adopted.

Amend subrule 32.4(6) as follows:

32.4(6) *Application procedure.*

a. Applications shall be reviewed and scored in rounds. The deadline for submission for the first round of applications shall be August 3, 2009. Subsequent rounds shall be quarterly at the discretion of the board as funding is available. Applications for each such round shall be due not later than January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1 of each year, respectively.

b. No change.

c. The review committee members will score the applications according to the criteria set forth in subrule 32.4(7), and IFA staff shall compile the scores. To be eligible for a grant, a proposed project must receive a minimum score of at least 100 points. The review committee shall meet at least quarterly to review the ratings for each round of applications. Those applications meeting the minimum criteria shall be referred to the Iowa jobs board with a recommendation of final approval, denial, or deferral.

d. to i. No change.

j. A denied or deferred application may be revised and resubmitted as a new application in a subsequent round, if any. Unless a deferred application is withdrawn by the applicant or revised and resubmitted as a new application, the authority shall keep it on file, and its score shall automatically be ranked among new applications submitted for the next round, if any, once such new applications have been scored.

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